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Letter dated 6 January 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) established by Security Council resolution 1509 (2003) of 19 September 2003.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you that it is my intention to appoint Lieutenant General Joseph Olorungbon Owonibi (Nigeria) as Force Commander of UNMIL as of 1 January 2005. Lieutenant General Owonibi has been serving as Deputy Force Commander of UNMIL. He will replace Lieutenant General Daniel Ishmael Opande (Kenya), who has served as Force Commander of UNMIL since October 2003. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Lieutenant General Opande for his exemplary and highly professional service in UNMIL.

I would be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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